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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: T. HIROSE et al (SEE ATTACHED)

For:

POLISHING PAD SURFACE CONDITION EVALUATION
METHOD AND AN APPARATUS THEREOF AND A METHOD OF
PRODUCING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Enclosed are:

12 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-035616
filed February 8, 2000. A certified copy is attached herewith.

Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and

discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

Specification: Abstract , Description 17 pages; and 25 claim(s).

Preliminary Amendment.

Executed Declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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